Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

of Fish and Game Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska Emergency Order No. 03-01-06

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unless superseded by subsequent

Alaska Department

emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the wolf hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 19(A).

Therefore, the following regulations in 5 AAC 85.056(a)(2), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting wolves:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(2)		
Unit 19(A) 10 wolves per day	Aug. 1 – Apr. 3	Aug. 1 – Apr. 3
Remainder of Unit 19 10 wolves per day	Aug. 1 – May 31	Aug. 1 – May 31

Therefore also, the following regulations in **5 AAC 84.270(13), FURBEARER TRAPPING**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping wolves:

Unit	Open Season	Bag Limit
(13) Wolf		
Unit 19(A)	Nov. 1–Apr. 3	No limit.
Unit 19(D)	Oct. 1-Apr. 30	No limit.
Remainder of Unit 19, Units 20 (except 20(D) and 20(E)), and 21–26	Nov. 1–Apr. 30	No limit.

All other wolf hunting and trapping regulations in Unit 19 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Roger Seavoy Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The wolf control implementation plan objective in 5 AAC 92.125 is to reduce the Unit 19(A) wolf population to 40–53 wolves through aerial control, hunting, and trapping. The department conducted wolf surveys in Unit 19(A) during January and March 2006 and estimated a population of 114–120 wolves. After the surveys were completed, the reported wolf take from aerial control and from hunting and trapping was 62. The control plan objective will likely be achieved by the time of this closure.

Aerial take has been closed for this regulatory year, and it is necessary to close the wolf Formatted: Bullets and Numbering hunting and trapping seasons to ensure wolf numbers are not reduced below the control plan objective.